# **ST. PETER'S KEY**

### ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH EPIPHANY/FEBRUARY 2023



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"He gives snow like wool and scatters the white frost like crumbs..." Psalm 147:1



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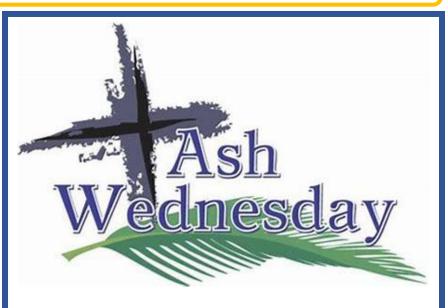


St Peter's Anglican Church Epiphany/February 2023 Loveland, Colorado 80538

### "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND."

#### EPIPHANY CALENDAR - February

- 1 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 2 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 4 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 5 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth & Adult Education
- 8 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 9 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 11 Zeteo Box Packing 9:00AM
- 11 Slammin' Famine 9 :00 to 11:00AM
- 11 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 12 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth & Adult Education
- 15 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM
- 16 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 16 Vestry Meeting 7:00PM
- 18 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 19 Last Sunday of Epiphany Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth & Adult Education
- 22 Ash Wednesday 7:00AM, NOON, 7:00PM
- 23 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom
- 25 Teen Group 6:00 8:30PM
- 26 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Services 8:00 and 9:30AM, Youth & Adult Education



# FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> SERVICES

7:00AM - 12NOON - 7:00PM

#### SAINT PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

A Biblically-Based Anglican Community Sunday Service at 8:00 &9:30 AM Dr. Russel Thye, Senior Warden Mr. Dennis Llewellyn, Junior Warden Mrs. Elizabeth Baugh, Administrative Assistant

#### HEAD of the CHURCH: JESUS CHRIST

The Most Reverend Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop Anglican Church in North America The Right Reverend Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop, International Diocese The Reverend Matthew Rucker, Rector The Reverend William Easterling, Assisting Priest

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, THE SAINT PETER'S CONGREGATION ASSEMBLED FOR THE BAPTISM OF ISAIAH PAUL ARMSTRONG!





THE THREE WISEMEN ARRIVE TO VISIT JESUS IN BETHLEHEM. THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY HELD AT SAINT PETERS ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH.</sup>



FR. BILL WITH THE THURIBLE.





ASA & AUGIE F. AS ACOLYTES. ADAM CLEANS THE TECH AREA!





THE ZETEO BOX PACKING CREW STUFFED TOGETHER TWO FULL BOXES OF GREAT GOODIES FOR JANUARY SHIPPING!





#### "Behold, the Lamb of God!" John 1:36 "He must increase, but I must decrease." John 3:30

Our Gospel reading for the second Sunday in the Epiphany season includes our first encounter with John the Baptist in John's Gospel. Standing with some of his disciples, John the Baptist glimpses Jesus walking towards him, and immediately exclaims, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Stop what you are doing, put down your electronic devices, pay very close attention, this man is the Lamb of God, the fulfillment of much prophecy and the Temple traditions, this is God with us! Behold, the Lamb

of God! The final scene from John's Gospel featuring John the Baptist comes later, in chapter 3, and culminates with John the Baptist's great statement of faith given to John's own disciples who lament the declining influence of the great baptizer, "he must increase, but I must decrease." From beginning to end, then, John the Baptist's witness to Jesus is this: "Behold, the Lamb of God! He must increase, but I must decrease."

As much as we in the Church love to talk about being like Jesus, I wish more Christians just thought in terms of being like John the Baptist. John the Baptist knew he was nothing more and nothing less than a witness to something greater than himself. John the Baptist points. He points away from himself and to Jesus Christ, and in that pointing John the Baptist defines Christian life for all of us. Where does Christian life begin? It begins with pointing away from ourselves to God in Jesus Christ, it is as simple as that. The world shouts, "Behold, a movement! Behold, a person! Behold, *me*!" But in that simple gesture of pointing away we see the Christian life in its most basic form. Behold, not ourselves, but Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who will increase as we decrease by pointing to Him.

Most of all Christians, clergy should look to John the Baptist as an example for ministry. John the Baptist never drew attention to himself at the detriment of witnessing to Jesus. John the Baptist's ministry was one of receding into the background after doing the important work of pointing to Jesus. Who needs to remember their own need to decrease as Jesus increases more than a Priest? No one, in my opinion. When I pray with the altar party before the Holy Eucharist each Sunday, our prayer is often some form of asking God to point away from ourselves to Jesus, that we might fade into the liturgy, the sacraments, and the Word of God, so that no one would go home on Sunday thinking "what a great Priest we have," or "what a great worship team we have," but "what a wonderful God we have in Jesus Christ."

My role as your Rector, the role of the clergy at St. Peter's, the role of musicians in the Eucharist, is just to point to Jesus the Lamb of God. Our expectation at Church should never be to have a tender moment with the Celebrant at communion; nor should our expectations be shaped around the charisma of a speaker or a leader; nor should we come seeking spiritual highs. Our expectation should simply be to experience with every part of ourselves the simple message: Behold, the Lamb of God. He must increase, but I must decrease.

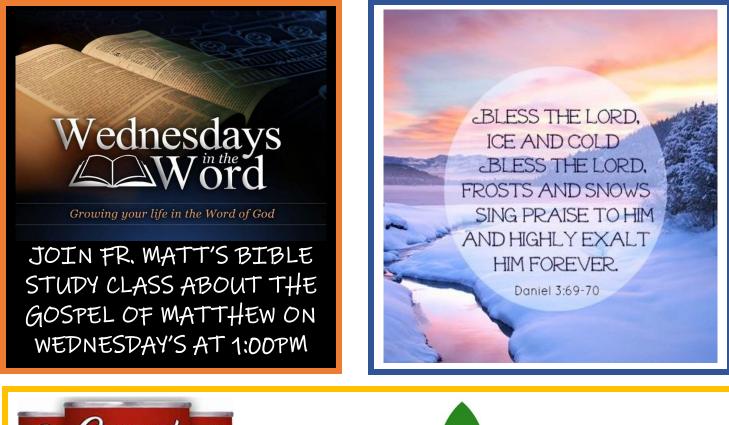
#### Fr. Matt





Saint Peter's Anglican Church will hold a confirmation service on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30 AM service, with Bishop Trevor Walters presiding. Bishop Walters is the retired bishop of the western portion of the Anglican Network in Canada (ANIC), and currently serves as a Bishop in Mediation for the Anglican Church in North America.

All in the parish desiring confirmation who have participated in one of the recent catechesis programs offered by St. Peter's, or those who have participated in an equivalent program at another church, are eligible for confirmation or reception. Those in the parish desiring confirmation or reception should please contact the church office.





EVERY YEAR - EVERY MONTH - EVERY WEEK - EVERY SUNDAY



IS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11'#, FROM 9:00 TO 11:00AM AT THE LARIMER COUNTY RANCH! TEXT KATHY P. AT 970-217-3331 TO SIGN-UP!



NEEDED MEN'S CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE FORT COLLINS RESCUE MISSION 'S HARVEST FARM. PLACE IN THE RED BOX AT CHURCH! SAINT APOLLONIA FEAST DAY FEB 9th



In AD 249 during a time of great violence and rioting towards Christians in Alexandria; Saint Apollonia, as an aged deaconess, was tortured and she was ultimately killed by fire. She took many blows to her face, with her teeth being broken out. Refusing to recite words of a blasphemous nature to those assaulting her, she was threatened with being burned alive. Requesting a brief delay, she jumped into the fire on her own accord and was burned to death. Pictures of her usually show her holding a tooth in a pair of pincers. Her feast day is celebrated on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Saint Apolonia is honored as the patron saint of dentists, but this woman who had her teeth extracted without anesthetic surely ought to be patron of those who dread the dentist's chair. She might also be the patron of the aging, for she attained glory in her old age, standing firm before her persecutors even

as her fellow Christians fled her city. However, we choose to honor her, she remains a model of courage for us.

We give thanks for the blessing of winter: Season to cherish the heart. To make warmth and quiet for the heart. To make soups and broths for the heart. To cook for the heart and read for the heart. To cook for the heart and read for the heart. To carl up softly and nestle with the heart. To sleep deeply and gently at one with the heart. To dream with the heart. To spend time with the heart. A long, long time of peace with the heart. We give thanks for the blessing of winter: Season to cherish the heart. Amen.





## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY - FEBRUARY 14TH

History is a bit confused about how many Valentines existed and which one is celebrated with this feast day. It does appear that St. Valentine lived in Rome during the reign of Claudius II. He was well known for the manner in which he cared for people, and as a priest, he married Christian couples. Remember to remind others that this special day for lovers is "Saint Valentine's Day" and not just "Valentine's Day".

I said a St. Valentine's prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love.



# WELCOME TO THE VESTRY!



RACHEL K.WILL M.RUSS T.DENNY L.SCOTT E.MARK M.A special welcome to Rachel Kleber and Will McKamie who were selected at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of theparish to join the Vestry as new members.Each will serve a three-year term ending in 2026. Also serving in anew roll is Dr. Russ Thye as the parish's new Senior Warden.Denny Llewellyn will, of course, continue as theparish's Junior Warden as he has since 2007.Each will serve a three-year term ending in 2026.

A terrific thank you goes to Scott Erickson and Russ Thye for serving during the past three years as members of the Vestry. Thank you also goes to Mark Maeda for is exceptional service as Senior Warden since January 2021.



#### Can you name the saints pictured below and locate their icons at St. Peter's?



#### **SAINT NAME CHOICES**

JAMES the GREATER MARY the BLESSED VIRGIN PETER CLARE JULIAN of NORWICH LUKE

#### LOCATION CHOICES

SANCTUARY LIBRARY NURSERY NARTHEX SANCTUARY LIBRARY

#### PEACE BE TO THIS HOUSE AND TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE!

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Adult Formation Sessions begin Sunday, February 5th, at 11:00am following the 9:30am Eucharist Service. Grab a cup of coffee and join in the conversation! Fr. Matt's class will be on establishing a "Rule of Life" from the Anglican tradition.

Youth Sunday School begins on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am following the 9:30am Eucharist Service. Join in!





THANK YOU TO ...



... RON S. FOR ARRIVING **EARLY ON SUNDAYS TO GET** THE COFFEE MADE AND SET-**UP FOR THE PARISH!** 



... JENNIFER T. FOR AGAIN

SUPPLYING TERRIFIC ART

WORK FOR DISPLAY IN THE

CHURCH!

... BARBAR C. FOR HER **GREAT PIANO PLAYING FOR** SUNDAY LITANYS!

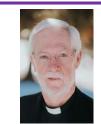


... MARK M. FOR HIS TWO

YEARS OF SERVING AS ST

**PETER'S SENIOR WARDEN!** 

... KIRSTIN M. MAKING THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING **POT-LUCK MEAL HAPPEN!** 



... FR. BILL E. FOR SERVING **ON SUNDAY WHILE FR.** MATT WAS ON VACATION!

**NEW ARTWORK THANKS TO JENNIFER** 



#### He Will Swallow Up Death Forever

Print; original painting is 34x57 2017

This wonderfully detailed piece of artwork is provided through the talented efforts of Jennifer Thye of our parish. It is displayed in the church entrance narthex, and it will be in place until Lent. Jennifer describes her work as follows:

A life outside of the sheepfold is a dangerous place, right? Then again, a life within the safety of Christ's grace and mercy does not guarantee protection from all pain and heartache. Dangers lurk around every corner; for many, earthly existence seems like a long string of suffering and difficulty with only a few moments of respite here and there. But in Isaiah 25:8 and Revelation 21:4-5 we can find the golden glimmer of hope which promises that one day, God will destroy death, wipe away tears from all faces, and restore all things.

#### Up Ahead

by Karin Soderholm Size 48" x 16" 2022

This beautiful cloth tapestry is on loan from the artist thanks to Jenifer Thye. It is placed in the church sanctuary near the piano. The artist describes her work as follows:

I want my maps app to tell me exactly where to turn and how long it will take me to get there. I want the weather forecast to tell me the temperature and precipitation so I am dressed appropriately and will be comfortable. I want to know that my choices today will produce the desired outcomes tomorrow and next year.

I want peace and joy, love and justice, safety and security, to be realized for all people.

I want a lot of things. And then I look around and see cacophony. It's messy and ragged. Sometimes beautiful, but not orderly and certainly not fair.

I hear people talking about "making things happen" and it seems like sometimes maybe I can just will all things to go my way.

What's up ahead for you? Does that question give you hope? Or does that question cause a panic? For me, it's some of both.

I am looking for renewed hope in the promises of what's ahead. Not just the near future, but also to time eternal, when the Lord fulfills his promises and the earth is restored and the things that are broken are made new. I am looking for hope in the midst of all the messiness of the now. I am looking to see beauty in the unfinished present.

Romans 15:4-6 "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

# **ROBERT OFF TO HIS SCHOOL IN UGANDA**



Parish member Robert Serunjogi is off to his school in his hometown in Uganda for a month long trip. Although the school was shuttered during the pandemic, efforts have continued with fund-raising to support this school for orphans and the village. Raising more than \$70,000, the funds will go towards the construction of a new well, gutters to capture rain water, dormitories and a cafeteria. In addition the funds cover the annual cost of teacher's salaries.

In recent years several improvements have been made that include a new block of classrooms, improved restrooms, a small kitchen building, and caretaker's lodging. There

is still a great need for classroom desks, bunk beds, lighting and perimeter fencing for security. Please consider supporting Robert and his school and pray daily for him while he is making his visit to Africa.



#### Donations can be made online.

# LATEST SCOOP FROM ZETEO



A CLASS FOR ASPIRING ARTISTS!

SOME STUDENTS WANT TO BE ASTRONAUTS AND OTHERS RACE CAR DRIVERS.

We had a nice zoom meeting with Kate on the 26th of January. She hosted a 2-hour update on Zeteo which included a question-and-answer period. The bottom line is Zeteo is looking to relocate in the near future but Kate does not know where or when and is trying to decern that. She will not move without all of the children so that is making it a bit more difficult. Staff will be given the opportunity to move with Zeteo and many of the buildings can also be moved. She asks for your prayers for all of this. We are hoping to have another zoom meeting with her in a couple of months, but that may depend on how busy she is at the time!!! Marnie

If you are not able to serve on the assigned date, please find a replacement, and let me know by Wednesday of the assigned week. 970.292.8595 or <a href="mailto:elizabethb@stpetersloveland.org">elizabethb@stpetersloveland.org</a>

FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE - YEAR A

Date Proper	February 5 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	February 12 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	February 19 <sup>th</sup> Last Sunday of Epiphany	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY (7 AM, 12 PM, 7 PM)	February 26 <sup>th</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
8 AM Reader/ Intercessor	Lynda Stoops	Marnie Dent	Thomas Maeda	N/A	Anthony Alvarado
1st Lesson (OT) Readers	<u>II Kings 22:8–20</u> Andrew Forrester	<u>Isaiah 49:1–7</u> Scott Cook	<u>Exodus 24:12–18</u> Will McKamie	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL POSITIONS	<u>Genesis 2:4–9,</u> <u>15–</u> <u>17, 25; 3:1–7</u> Andrea Smith
Psalm	<u>Psalm 27</u>	<u>Psalm 67</u>	<u>Psalm 99</u>	FOR 3 SERVICES	<u>Psalm 51:1–12</u>
2nd Lesson (NT) Readers	<u>I Corinthians 2</u> Steve Keyser	<u>I Cor. 3:1–9</u> Jerry Webb	Philippians 3:7–14 Mary Anne Paul	(7 AM, 12 PM, 7 PM)	Romans 5:12–21 Kathleen Edmiston
Gospel	<u>Matthew 5:13–20</u> Deacon or Priest	<u>Matthew 5:21–37</u> Deacon or Priest	<u>Matthew 17:1–9</u> Deacon or Priest		<u>Matthew 4:1–11</u> Deacon or Priest
Intercessor	Gary Eifert	Johnny Moore	Leslie Erickson		Doug Edmiston
Usher(s)/ Greeter(s)	Mark Maeda & Marnie Dent	Mike Bertolette & Kirstin Moore	Russ Thye & Mary Anne Paul		Scott Cook & Andrea Smith
Acolytes	Theo Maeda & Logan Horlings	Rosie Moore & Luke DeLorme	Nea Thye & Libby McKamie		Asa Forwood & Titus Maeda
Flowers	Leslie Erickson	Andrea Smith	Kirstin Moore	*No flowers in Lent	*No flowers in Lent
Altar Guild	8:00 - Lynda S. 9:30 - Kristi B.	8:00 - Marnie D. 9:30 - Mary Ann L.	8:00 - Mary Ann L. 9:30 - Lynda S.	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	8:00 – Sam A. 9:30 – Kristi B.
Livestream	Lander Hultin	Rourke Alvarado	Adam DeLorme	N/A	Samantha Alvarado
Nursery	Bethany Fisher & Nea Thye	Beverly Dunn & Carole DeLorme	Madeline Rucker & Grace DeLorme	N/A	Will McKamie & Alethia Thye

St. Peter's Anglican Church Calendar: February 2023									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
		<ul> <li>Wedding</li> <li>Anniversary</li> <li>Birthday</li> </ul>	1 ST BRIGID Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM	2 Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom	3 Rector's Day Off	4 TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM			
5 5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH & ADULT ED BEGIN TODAY! ★ Rourke A.	<ul> <li><b>6</b></li> <li>★ Anna</li> <li>T. &amp; Johnny</li> <li>M.</li> </ul>	7 🖈 Barbara J.	8 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM Robert S.	9 ST APOLLIANA Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom ♥ Beverly & Terry D.	10 ST SCHOLASTICA Rector's Day Off	11 ZETEO BOX PACK 9AM SLAMMIN' FAMINE 9-11AM TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM ★ August H. & Fr. Matt			
12 6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH & ADULT ED WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	13	14 ST VALENTINE STS CYRIL & METHODIUS	15 Fr. Matt's Bible Study 1:00PM	16 Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom	17 Rector's Day Off	18 TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM ★ Grayson H.			
<b>19</b> LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH & ADULT ED	20 ■ DAY → Bethany F.	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT 7:00AM, NOON & 7:00PM	23 ST POLYCARP Study Prayer Group 7:00AM Zoom Peter H.	24 ST MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE Rector's Day Off ✓ Joanne & Harry T.	25 TEEN GROUP 6:00 TO 8:30PM			
26 1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 8:00 & 9:30AM 11AM YOUTH & ADULT ED	27 Jennifer T. & Thomas M.	28 ST CASSIAN							